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1. CHINA

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS (PEKING) REPORTS DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THAT PRC WILL CONVENE ANOTHER NATIONAL AGRIC CONFERENCE "VERY SOON," BECAUSE CHIANG CHING SABOTAGED LAST ONE TO SUCH EXTENT THAT COUNTRY CANNOT WAIT UNTIL NEXT PLANNED MEETING 1980.

STUDENTS FROM PEKING/Tsinghua UNIVERSITIES WILL GATHER IN PEKING SPORTS STADIUM THURS FOR MASS CRITICISM MEETING AGAINST "GANG OF FOUR," ACCORDING INFORMED SOURCES (REUTER PEKING 12/1).
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2. INDONESIA

GOI SAID WEDNESDAY IT HAS RELEASED 2,650 COMMUNISTS JAILED WITHOUT TRIAL AFTER ABORTIVE 1965 COUP. ALSO REITERATED

PROMISE TO FREE WITHIN 3 YEARS REMAINING 29,000 JAILED IN
COUP ATTEMPT (REUTER, NYT).

3. W SAMOA

APPLICATION TO BECOME 147TH UN MEMBER APPROVED BY UNSC;
UNGA EXPECTED FOLLOW SUIT (WSJ).

4. KOREA

COVERAGE REMAINS HEAVY RE KCIA OFFICIAL KIM SANG KEUN'S
REQUEST FOR ASYLUM US AND COOPERATION W/FED INVESTIGATORS.
WP'S BABCOCK/MCALLISTER SAY KIM'S DECISION AID PROBE MAJOR
BREAKTHROUGH IN CASE, AS HE MAINTAINED FINANCIAL RECORDS/
REPORTS OF ROK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING ACTIVITIES. ASSERT KIM'S
ROLE KCIA APPARATUS HERE GREW W/DEPARTURE FORMER STATION
CHIEF LEE SANG HO, W/KIM REPORTING DIRECTLY TO SEOUL OUT-
SIDE NORMAL CHAIN COMMAND. ATTY GEN LEVI, WHO PREVIOUSLY
DECLINED PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN PROBE, NOW WILL PARTICI-
PATE. FBI AGENTS GUARDING KIM/FAMILY AT UNDISCLOSED
LOCATION--ALSO STATIONED HIS APARTMENT (PHINQ, CHITRIB;
BALT NA 12/1).

PHINQ GIVES PROMINENT PLAY CHESHIRE/ARMSTRONG WP 12/1
STORY RE KIM; CHITRIB DOES SAME W/HALLORAN (NYT 12/1)
ARTICLE.

LAT'S SHAW/JACKSON (12/1) QUOTE EX-ROK EMB ATTACHE LEE JAI
HYON AS SAYING LARGE BUNDLES CASH SECRETLY SENT EMB VIA
DIPL POUCH IN 1973 AT TIME SEOUL SEEKING STRONGER USG
SUPPORT. LEE ALSO TOLD TIMES EMB RECEIVED PRIVATE HAND-
WRITTEN ORDERS FR/PRES PARK TO COOPERATE W/TONGSUN PARK
IN TRYING INFLUENCE CONGRESSMEN.

IRS CLAIMS HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP, REP. MCFALL (D-CAL), MAY
OWE TAXES ON "OFFICE ACCOUNT" CASH RECEIVED FR/TONGSUN PARK
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AND OTHERS (LAT 12/1). AT UK EMB PARTY HONORING SPEAKER
ALBERT, MCFALL SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW IF RECENT PUBLICITY
HAS HURT HIS RACE FOR HOUSE MAJORITY LEADERSHIP (WSTAR
11/30).

GOV DAVID BOREN (OKLA) STATES HE/6 OTHERS TRAVELED TAIWAN/
ROK LAST MONTH ON FREE TRIP AT INVITATION ROK AMB HAHM.
SEES "NOTHING IMPROPER ABOUT IT." REP GLENN ENGLISH
RD-OKLA) DISCLOSES HE REJECTED REPEATED INVITATIONS FROM
ROK AMB TO TRAVEL GRATIS SK TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE--
"BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPROPER" (WSTAR 12/1).

5. JAPAN

PRESS COVERAGE EXPANDS AS SUNDAY'S ELECTIONS DRAW NEAR. SAAR (WP) REPORTS YOMIURI/MAINICHI/ASAHI POLLS PREDICT LDP FACES DESPERATELY CLOSE FIGHT IN ELECTIONS. MIKI TERMED POLLS "CRISIS, OR DANGER POINT" FOR LDP. SENT TELEGRAMS TO MANY CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES URGING THEM "BE VERY SERIOUS AND DO THEIR BEST."

NYT'S MALCOLM ADDS JAPAN'S SOCIALISTS FOR 1ST TIME TALKING SERIOUSLY OF COALITION GOVERNMENT W/LDP. CITES INCREASED COOPERATION AMONG ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES IN ATTEMPT BROADEN ELECTORAL APPEAL. JAPAN'S COMMUNISTS HAVE EVEN TONED DOWN DENUNCIATION US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY, DROPPED WORDS "PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP" FROM PLATFORM.

JAPANESE PRESS DESCRIBES SUNDAY'S VOTING AS "LOCKHEED ELECTION." SURVEY CONDUCTED BY MAJOR DAILY SHOWS 65 PCT OF 100,000 PERSONS POLLED SAID THEY WOULD BEAR LOCKHEED SCANDAL IN MIND WHEN VOTING. POL ANALYSTS BELIEVE ELECTION MOST DIFFICULT/SEVERE EXPERIENCE FOR LDP IN POSTWAR HISTORY (TAKAYAMA, SUN).

CONTRADICTING RECENT FEA REPORT, CALIFORNIA STATE ENERGY COMMISSION STUDY SAYS ALASKAN OIL "SWAPS" W/JAPAN WOULD BE LEAST COSTLY IN TERMS OF GETTING IMPORTED OIL TO MIDWEST (PRYOR, LAT 12/1).

BUSINESS COMMUNITY LEADERS TUES URGED CONTINUATION IN-UNCLASSIFIED

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DUSTRY/GOJ COORDINATED EFFORTS CURTAIL EXPORTS TO/INCREASE IMPORTS FROM EC IN EFFORT CLOSE TRADE GAP WITHIN NEXT 3 MONTHS. HUGE TRADE IMBALANCE UNLIKELY BE CORRECTED IN SUCH SHORT TIME, BUT CLEAR GOJ/BUSINESS SEEKING DEVELOP PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO EC AUTHORITIES (CULLISON, JOC).

FIRE DESTROYED HOUSEMAID'S DORM AT AMEMB TOKYO WED, KILLING 2 JAPANESE WOMEN. HELICOPTER/70 FIREMEN/22 TRUCKS TOOK OVER 2 HRS EXTINGUISH BLAZE (AP WP, PHINQ).

UNGA ADOPTED RESOLUTION TUES ACCUSING US/JAPAN/UK/France/FRG/ISRAEL OF COLLABORATING W/S AFR "RACIST REGIMES. ANCE/ VOTE 97 TO 11; 28 ABSTENTIONS (WP).

JAPANESE TRANSPORT MINISTRY HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM UK'S CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ASKING INSPECTION BRITISH ROLLS-ROYCE ENGINES IN LOCKHEED TRISTAR JETS. SIMILAR REQUEST MADE TO US/FRG/BELGIUM/CANADA/HK (REUTER TOKYO).

DOLLAR CONTINUES CLIMB IN TOKYO FOREX MART. ANALYSTS SAY RELUCTANCE SELL DOLLAR DUE CONCERN ABOUT JAPAN'S ECONOMY, BELIEF WILL EARN MORE LATER (WSJ).

SONY/MATSUSHITA PLAN BOOST EXPORT INCOMES W/NEW VIDEOTAPE RECORDING DEVICES WHICH ALLOW VIEWER WATCH ONE PROGRAM/RECORD ANOTHER SIMULTANEOUSLY (REUTER'S SATO, CSM).

JAPAN'S OCTOBER EXPORTS COLOR TV SETS TO US ROSE 112 PCT OVER LAST YEAR (JOC).

6. THAILAND

ACCORDING "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES" BANGKOK, US MIL AID PROGRAM, WHICH HAS POURED 768 MILLION DOLS INTO THAILAND SINCE 1946, WILL PROBABLY BE ENDED WITHIN YEAR (LAT'S MCARTHUR 12.1; REPRINTED GLOBE).

7. LAOS

REUTER'S ROGERS (VIENTIANE) REPORTS GOOSE-STEPPING TROOPS LED THOUSANDS LAOTIANS WEDNESDAY IN 2-HOUR PARADE MARKING UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRY'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY AS SOCIALIST, PRO-COMMUNIST STATE. TO SURPRISE OF FOREIGN OBSERVERS, NEITHER PRES SOUPHANOUVONG NOR PM KAYSONE PHOMVIHAN ATTENDED PARADE.

AP (BANGKOK) REPORTS THOUSANDS "UNDESIRABLES" AND FORMER GOVT ENEMIES HAVE LOST FREEDOM IN WORK CAMPS/RE-EDUCATION CENTERS SINCE COMMUNIST TOOK POWER YEAR AGO. PL LAUNCHED DRIVE TO ALTER LAO TRADITIONAL, SLOW-PACED LIFE-STYLE, BUT CHANGES HAVE SPAWNED WHAT IS PROBABLY MOST ACTIVE INSURGENCY IN 3 COMMUNIST INDOCHINESE NATIONS (SUN).

NYT (VIENTIANE) REPORTS LAOS REDS CONVENED SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, AND IN PRESENCE AMERICAN CHARGE' ACCUSED US OF CONTINUED HOSTILITY TOWARD LAOS. AS CORCORAN SAT AT SMALL SCHOOL DESK LISTENING TO SPEECH, KAYSONE DEMANDED US END "SABOTAGE MANEUVERS" AND "FULFILL ITS PLEDGE TO CONTRIBUTE" TOWARD WAR DAMAGE REPAIR.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. KOREA

AMB SCRANTON, IN THOUGHTFUL PIECE RE MORALITY IN FORPOLICY, NOTES GENUINE THREAT TO ROK/UNARGUABLE NEED FOR US SUPPORT TO PRESERVE PEACE/STABILITY ON KOREAN PENINSULA--COMMENTS EQUALLY UNARGUABLE THAT ROKG OFFENDS OUR CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (LAT 12/1). --

NYT'S GWERTZMAN QUOTES "HIGH-RANKING STATE DEPT OFFICIALS" AS SAYING CONTINUING REVELATIONS RE SK LOBBYING PRACTICES MAKE IT MORE LIKELY CARTER ADMIN WILL FEEL EARLY PRESSURE TO CUT TROOPS/AID ROK. HOWEVER, REP FRASER STATES HE'D

PREFER GIVE CARTER TIME TO PRESS ROKG EASE REPRESSIVE POLICIES. DEEP CONCERN ROK EMB/JAPANESE GOVT NOTED. "STATE DEPT OFFICIALS" SEE GREATER LIKELIHOOD ADDED REPORTS WRONGDOING/IMPROPRIETY, W/KCIA OFFICIAL KIM SANG KEUN NOW COOPERATING W/FED PROBES. "HIGH OFFICIALS" SAY PRIVATELY THEY'RE DISGUSTED W/WHOLE SK CAMPAIGN, WHICH THEY FEEL UNNECESSARY WIN CONG SUPPORT, AND MAY HAVE EFFECT LOSING IT.

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9. CHINA

WITH NPC MEETING, CSM'S MORITZ (HK) SEES PEKING PREPARING. CONFIRM HUA AS MAO SUCCESSOR; CONFIRM "GANG OF FOUR" OUSTER; APPOINT NEW PREMIER, LIKELY LI HSIEN-NIEN; FORMALLY RESHUFFLE TOP LEADERSHIP IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, CULTURE, RR MINISTRIES, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS TO ELIMINATE THOSE CLOSELY LINKED TO "RADICALS."

LESLIE (LAT HK 12/1) CITES ANALYSTS' BELIEF THAT PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY SHAKEUP IS UNDERWAY, FOLLOWING REPORTED POL DIFFICULTIES OF CHIAO KUAN-HUA, RECALL HOME OF AT LEAST 4 CHINESE AMBASSADORS (HUANG HUA FROM UN, WANG SHU FROM FRG, CHEN CHU FROM JAPAN, CHANG WEN-CHIN FROM CANADA). NOTES FU HAO, ENVOY TO VN, WAS UNEXPECTEDLY MISSING FROM RECENT HANOI DIPLO FUNCTION, RAISING POSSIBILITY HE HAS ALS RETURNED HOME. OBSERVES CHIAO "HAS IMPRESSED FOREIGNERS WITH HIS INTELLECT AND STYLE."

IN SECOND OF 3 ARTICLES ON PRC ARMED FORCES, NYT'S MID-DLETON (NANKING) REPORTS HE GAINED IMPRESSION FROM 179TH DIVISION AND 38TH AIR DIVISION OF "HARD-WORKING, WELL-TRAINED FORCES PROUD OF THEIR ROLE." SAYS THIS IS BALANCED IN BOTH UNITS BY IMPRESSION THEY'RE PREPARING TO FIGHT WAR IN 70'S WITH EQUIPMENT OF 50'S.

BEN WATTENBERG, WHO WAS IN PRC RECENTLY WITH SCHLESINGER GROUP, ADVISES PUTTING OUR MORAL VALUES AHEAD OF OUR INTERESTS IN DEALING WITH PRC. SAYS THIS MEANS WHEN PEKING ASKS "SELL OUT" OF TAIWAN, "WE SAY 'NO'" (BALT NA 12/1).

10. JAPAN

OKA (CSM TOKYO) SAYS MIKI MAY NOT BE ABLE STOP EROSION LDP'S POPULAR SUPPORT, EVIDENCED BY SOCIALISTS' SERIOUS TALK OF COALITION CABINET. BUT OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE

SO FAR OFFERED ONLY VAGUE/IMPRACTICAL RATHER THAN CREDIBLE ECON/FPOL CHOICES; AND POL OBSERVERS FEEL MAY BE "SEVERAL MORE ELECTIONS" BEFORE OPPOSITION ABLE WORK OUT CONVINCING SET ALTERNATIVE POLICIES.

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THARP (WSJ) REVIEWS LOCKHEED/ECONOMY AS MAIN ISSUES IN SUNDAY'S ELECTIONS. NOTES DESPITE ELECTION'S IMPORTANCE, VOTER APATHY WIDESPREAD. STATES WHATEVER HAPPENS, CLEAR THAT JAPANESE POL SCENE NO LONGER THOROUGHLY DOMINATED BY SINGLE PARTY. QUOTES ONE JAPANESE POL EXPERT WHO SAYS PREDICTABILITY OF JAPANESE POL CHOICES, ON WHICH US DEPENDED FOR LAST 20-25 YEARS, IS GONE, "WILL BE GONE FOR SOME TIME."

CSM SAYS, "NOW IT'S JAPAN'S TURN" FACE UP TO POLITICAL SCANDAL AFTERMATH IN UPCOMING ELECTION. BELIEVES "OVER-SHADOWING" QUESTION IS WHETHER VOTERS INTEND REGISTER OBJECTIONS TO LOCKHEED SCANDAL BY "PENALIZING" LDP AT BALLOT BOX. CONCLUDES, "WHAT THEY DECIDE WILL BE WATCHED WITH INTEREST" IN WASHINGTON/OTHER CAPITALS. KISSINGER

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